

REMARKS

On October 4, 2002, the undersigned had a telephone conference with Examiner Phan concerning the election requirement raised in the Office Action. As a result of that conference the restriction was amended slightly to be as follows:

I. Claims 1-15 and 39-57 drawn to an apparatus.

II. Claims 16-38 drawn to a method.

The further species election was not discussed but is considered moot in view of the election to prosecute claims 1-15 and 41-57. None of the method claims 16-38 are elected.

Each of the elected claims 1-15 and 41-57 reads on and is generic to the embodiments of FIGS. 2 and 10. Hence, this election is deemed proper.

With this paper the application is considered ready for first examination on the merits. Favorable consideration of elected claims 1-15 and 41-57 is respectfully urged.

In the event additional fees are due as a result of this amendment, payment for those fees has been enclosed in the form of a check. Should further payment be required to cover such fees you are hereby authorized to charge such payment to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

Respectfully submitted,

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